| SI. No. | Name of Statc/UT | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 3922 | 3713 | 4478 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | 3795 | 5259 | 4598 |
| 10. | Jharkhand | — | — | N.A. |
| 11. | Karnataka | 93359 | 107349 | 112104 |
| 12. | Kerala | 45393 | 42456 | 51789 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 81238 | 79742 | 66547 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 220116 | 150458 | 167962 |
| 15. | Manipur | 1639 | 1723 | 2191 |
| 16. | Mcghalaya | 392 | 500 | 1000 |
| 17. | Orissa | 28947 | 39798 | 38609 |
| 18. | Punjab | 1774S | 17409 | 24696 |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 47166 | 59721 | 62002 |
| 20. | Sikkim | 77 | 79 | N.A. |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | 160418 | 183274 | 198454 |
| 22. | Tripura | 7240 | 8055 | 9499 |
| 23. | Uttaranchal | 0 | 0 | 15578 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 230758 | 238835 | 295322 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 105140 | 140095 | 138591 |
| 26. | Daman and Diu | 76 | 25 | 45 |
| 27. | Dadra & N. Havcli | 31 | 31 | N.A. |
| 28. | Delhi | K.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 29. | Pondichcrry | 2349 | 2400 | 2496 |
| | TOTAL | 1391701 | 1395851 | 1502314 |

**Benefits to Senior Citizens**

1597. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Government Departments are providing certain benefits to senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on 28th February, 2002, Department-wise;

(c) whether some age limits have been prescribed for senior citizens to avail these benefits;

(d) whether some formalities have been prescribed for senior citizens to avail these benefits;

(e) if so, the details thereof, as on 28th February, 2002, benefit-wise;

(f) whether Smart Cards are proposed to be used by senior citizens in Delhi and Himachal Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details thereof with formalities required for same alongwith benefits attached to these cards?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) 391 Old Age Homes, 469 Day Care Centres and 83 Mobile Medicare Units have been set up by 609 NGOs with Grant in Aid from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. 10kg of foodgrain is distributed to each destitute elderly every month under "Annapurna Scheme" of Ministry of Rural Development, separate queue system for the elderly is operational in hospitals, elder citizens are given priority in telephone connection and grievance rcdrcssal by Department of Telecommunications, concessional forms arc given by Railways and Civil Aviation. Some public sectors banks allow higher interest on deposits by the elderly.

(c) Age limit of 60 or 65 has been prescribed under separate schemes;

(d) and (e) Formalities are incorporated in the schemes;

(0 No Sir;

(g) Does not arise.